

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **Minutes**

May 25, 2009

Present: David Kaufman, Ellen Leahy-Pile, Nancy Gilbert, David Ahlfeld, Sandy Sulsky

Staff: Epi Bodhi, Pamela Field-Sadler

Other: Maria Bulzacchelli – Potential BOH member/Amherst resident

**Meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.**

**I. Review & Receive**

**A. Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting minutes from April 23, 2009 -**Accepted with requested Amendment**

**II. New Business**

**A. H1N1 Flu Virus**

Ms. Bodhi outlined the late April, early May events regarding the H1N1 Flu Virus development in Amherst. Ms. Bodhi expressed concern that the Town's Emergency Management Team was not called together. The BOH members agreed with Ms. Bodhi an opportunity for pandemic flu preparedness practice was missed, and the process for determining an emergency needs to be clarified. The BOH also considered the wave of a potentially stronger virus this fall; preparing press releases regarding vaccine availability and distribution in advance was suggested. Ms. Bodhi will invite Public Health Nurse Keith Carlson to the next BOH meeting to review isolation and quarantine regulations.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Tobacco Regulations**

**1. Receive Copies**

The BOH received copies of *Regulations of the Amherst Board of Health Tobacco Sales Permits and Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors and Town of Amherst Regulation Prohibiting Smoking In Workplaces and Public Places*. The regulations will be effective June 1, 2009; the legal ad announcing the regulations was run in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* on May 12, 2009.

**2. Smoking Disclosure in Multi-Unit Residences**

The BOH reviewed and discussed revised draft documents of the proposed Landlord Disclosure Regulations submitted by Attorney D.J. Wilson. Through discussion, the BOH clarified the long and short term goals of establishing a Smoking Disclosure Regulation, and noted the following:

- Ms. Bodhi will request Attorney Wilson to revise the draft proposed Smoking Disclosure in Multi-unit Residences to include suggested modifications
- The BOH would like landlords to be invited to a meeting to discuss Smoking Disclosure
- Attorney Wilson will be invited to attend the next BOH meeting

- Chairman Ahlfeld will take the lead in reviewing the new draft document
- Ms. Gilbert will complete a Google search for other Smoking Disclosure examples

**3. Regulation of Outdoor Smoking** – Tabled until next meeting

**B. BOH Member Replacement**

Ms. Bodhi spoke with several possible candidates. She interviewed Maria Bulzacchelli who is interested in serving as a BOH member. Ms. Bodhi explained the appointment process to Ms. Bulzacchelli. Ms. Bodhi and the BOH members thanked Ms. Leahy-Pile for her service to the BOH; Ms. Leahy-Pile will officially resign as a member of the BOH. Ms. Leahy-Pile served on the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). At this time, no BOH member is available to serve on the IBC. Ms. Bodhi will ask IBC member Diana Stein to provide updates.

**IV. Director's Report**

**A. FY10 Budget**

The FY10 Budget is looking dim. Five people will probably be laid off. Ms. Bodhi will be meeting with the Town Manager in the morning.

**B. Social Justice**

The showing of *Unnatural Causes* took place on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Amherst Cinema. The event was successful and well attended.

**C. Mass in Motion**

Amherst did not receive the *Mass in Motion - Municipal Wellness and Leadership Grant*. Ms. Bodhi believes Springfield is the only Western MA municipality to receive the grant.

**D. Farmer's Market**

Ms. Bodhi reported the Inspectors are experiencing difficulty requiring the Farmer's Market vendors to meet compliance. The vendors are resistant to inspections and paying the \$100.00 permit fee. Ms. Bodhi attended a recent Agricultural Commission meeting. The Agricultural Commission is working to find a liaison.

**IV. Schedule Next BOH Meeting/Agenda Closing Date**

- A.** The next BOH meeting will be June 25, 2009.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.**

